

### **REMARKS**

The Examiner also identified two categories of "patentably distinct species" of Applicant's invention. The Examiner's Category A consists of the embodiments of Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 2B, Fig. 2C, Fig. 11, Fig. 20, Fig. 21, Fig. 22, Fig. 24, Fig. 25, Fig. 29, Fig. 32, Fig. 36, Fig. 38, Fig. 39 and Fig. 41. The Examiner's Category B consists of various prosthesis/fastening element attachment modes, including (1) adhesive, (2) mechanical, (3) frictional engagement and (4) Morse taper.

Applicant hereby elects Fig. 2B from Category A and (3) frictional engagement from category B. Elected apparatus claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11-19 are drawn to this elected species. Of these, claims 1, 2, 13 and 16-19 are generic to all elected apparatus species.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29914-701.406).


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